

REMARKS

Summary of the Office Action

Claims 1-24 stand rejected under U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Reber (US, 6,138,151) in view of Bhattacharjya et al. (US, 6,456,393).

Summary of Response to the Office Action

Claims 1-24 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer and new claims 25-35 are added. Accordingly, claims 25-35 are presently pending for consideration.

All Claims Define Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-24 stand rejected under U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Reber (US, 6,138,151) in view of Bhattacharjya et al. (US, 6,456,393). Claims 1-24 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, the rejection of claims 1-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) are now moot. Further. Applicant has added new claims 25-35. Applicant respectfully submits that new claims 25-35 define over the prior art of record. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests consideration and allowance of newly added claims 25-35.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application, withdrawal of all rejections, and the timely allowance of all pending claims. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative to expedite prosecution.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.R.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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